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Donna Shalala, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

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Dear Secretary Shalala

I am writing to express my concern about the possible weakening of labeling requirements for irradiated food that is being considered by the Food and Drug Administration. I strongly believe that it is my right to know if the food I eat has been treated with radiation..

Food products undergo chemical changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes. These cosmetic and nutritional changes in foods warrant disclosure on a prominent place on the package. In addition, food that is not packaged should be accompanied by a poster in plain view of where it is displayed for sale. Labels are required by law to be truthful and not mis-leading to the customer. Only clear, honest and permanent labeling is acceptable for ~~irradiated~~ foods. *that are irradiated.*

I hope you will defend the customer's right to know in this important decision-making process.

Sincerely,

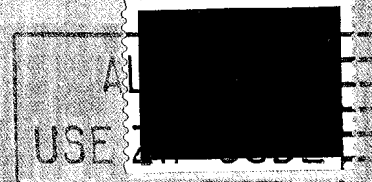
  
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I have taken radioactive isotopes for medical reasons and do not want to take more by accident.

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